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E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGSC MOPS, PINS, CG
SUBJECT: SHABA DEVEL
HPMENTS: MAY 26,1978

1. KOLWEZI: CENTER OF TOWN AS CALM ON MAY 25, ALTHOUGH
OCCASIONAL SHOOTING WAS HEARD COMING FROM OUTLYING
AREAS. LOOTING BY ZAIRIAN SOLDIERS CONTINUES. UNCONFIRMED
REPORT THE ARRIVAL OF CONTINGENCY OF 100 MOROCCAN TROOPS
IN KOLWASI LATER IN THE DAY TO ESTABLISH SECURITY
IN TOWN, FREEING FRENCH FOR MISSION FURTHER INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE.
BURIAL TEAM NOW COMPLETELY WORKS, SAYS THAT 67(EXPATRIATE
CORPSES HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED. ONLY ABOUT TEN
ADDITION CORPSES THOUGHT TO EXIST. SEVERAL EXPATRIATES
ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR AND AT LEAST THREE ARE REPORTED
TO HAVE BEEN SEEN DEPARTING AS HOSTAGES BY RETREATING
FORCES AFTER FINAL FIGHTING. RAILROAD REESTABLISHED
REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS WITH KOLWEZI STATION ON MAY 25
RED CROSS TRAIN OF FIVE WAGON LOADS OF FOOD AND
MEDICINE DUE TO ARRIVE IN KOLWEZI ON EVENING OF MAY
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2. OTHER SHABAN TOWNS. GENERAL NERVOUSNESS CONTINUES
JEPS FROM SMALL CONTINGENT OF FRENCH PARATROOPERS
CONTINUE THEIR SLOW DRIVES THROUGH MINING TOWNS IN
ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE SECURITY ASSURANCES. GECAMINES REPORTS
ABOUT 20 RESIGNATIONS FROM ITS LIKASI PLANTS AND A

SMALL NUMBER FROM OTHER INSTALLATIONS. OTHER EMPLOYEES
ARE ASKING FOR EARLY VACATIONS OR EVACUATING THEIR
WIVES AND CHILDREN. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE YET IN THE
GOVERNMENTS RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL BETWEEN SHABAN
TOWNS OR CURFEW HOURS.

3. ZAMBIAN BORDER: RAILNGXRAFFIC CONTINUES UNINTERRUPTED
FROM SAKANIA, BUT THE BORDER AT KASUMBALESA ON
THE MAIN ROAD TO ZAMBIA REMAINS CLOSED.
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